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FROM AMBASSADOR FOR ARA/CAR AND ARA/MGT

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SUBJECT REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO DONATE DEPARTMENT
CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO JAMAICAN POLICE ASSOCIATION

REF KINGSTON 196 AND KINGSTON 99

1. REFTELS REPORTED THE MURDER OF TWO JAMAICAN POLICE
CONSTABLES WHILE ON GUARD DUTY AT THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR
SECTION ON JANUARY 7. THESE CONSTABLES WERE PRESENT, AND
WERE KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY, AS THE CONSEQUENCE OF OUR
REQUEST TO THE GOJ FOR INCREASED SECURITY FOR OUR PREMISES
FOLLOWING THE ATTACK ON THE CONSULAR SECTION ON JANUARY 7
BY DEMONSTRATORS

2. I HAVE ALREADY WRITTEN LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE
TO THE FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED CONSTABLES, TO THE MINISTER
OF NATIONAL SECURITY, AND TO THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE. I
ADDITIONALLY SENT WREATHS TO THE FUNERAL SERVICES AND, TOGETHER
WITH CONGEN BURT, ATTENDED THE FUNERAL SERVICES FOR BOTH
CONSTABLES. HOWEVER, I THINK IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT
WE GO BEYOND THESE ROUTINE GESTURES AND
WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE US 1,000 DOLLARS TO
THE NATIONAL POLICE FUND. THERE ALREADY HAVE BEEN CALLS
BY SENIOR GOJ OFFICIALS, MANY LEADING PUBLIC FIGURES
OUT OF GOVERNMENT, AND BY THE PRESS TO THE PUBLIC IN
GENERAL FOR NEW CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS WORTHY FUND.
WE, OF ALL PEOPLE, ARE EXTREMELY INDEBTED TO THE POLICE
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AND SHOULD NOT LACK IN GENEROSITY AT THIS POINT IN

TIME. AT A MORE PRAGMATIC LEVEL I AM NOT UNMINDFUL
OF THE FACT THAT THE SECURITY OF NOT ONLY OUR BUILDINGS
BUT ALSO OF OUR STAFF DEPENDS VERY GREAT MEASURE ON
THE GOOD WILL OF THE JAMAICAN POLICE. THE REQUESTED
1,000 DOLLARS IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR WHAT
COULD BE A VERY CONCRETE CONTRIBUTION TO ENHANCED
SECURITY FOR THIS MISSION

3. I ASSUME THAT FUNDS EXIST FOR PURPOSES SUCH AS THESE
AND HOPE THAT THE APPROPRIATE FISCAL DATA FOR THE
REQUESTED DONATION CAN BE PROVIDED SOONEST GERARD

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